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SUBJ: IE Bulletins 78-12, 78-12A,
and 78-12B: Atypical Weld
Material in Reactor Pressure
Vessel Welds

Mr. Boyce Grier
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Docket Nos.: STN 50-482, STN 50-483, STN 50-484, STN 50-485, and
STN 50-486

Ref.: Letter, A. E. Scherer (Combustion Engineering Inc.) to H. D.
Thornburg (I & E, USNRC), dated June 8, 1979, LD-79-036, I & E
Bulletin 78-12, "Atypical Weld Material in Reactor Pressure
Vessel Welds"

Dear Mr. Grier:

This letter is submitted for the SNUPPS utilities in response to the
subject IE Bulletins.

The referenced letter forwarded a generic report which contained most
of the information requested by the subject Bulletins. This CE report
is applicable to the reactor vessels for the SNUPPS plants.

Item No. 4 of Bulletin 78-12 requested information concerning the
availability of archive weld materials. CE does not maintain an inven-
tory of archive materials for the welds addressed in the generic report.
Westinghouse, the SNUPPS NSSS supplier, will develop surveillance weld-
ment data which will be documented following completion of the pre-irradi-
ation testing program. Westinghouse will inventory archive surveillance
weldment material which may be used for verification purposes should
excess material remain after machining the surveillance weld material
specimens from core region weld material.

Our review of the CE report forwarded by the referenced letter disclosed
a few apparent errors. CE has agreed to correct the discrepancies and

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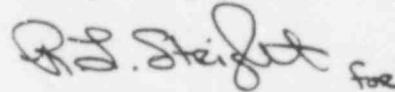
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will submit corrected pages to the NRC. After changes to the CE report have been received and reviewed by the SNUPPS utilities and NSSS supplier, the changes will be referenced in a supplemental response to the subject Bulletins.

Very truly yours,



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